## **Chapter 10** Massachusetts Localities

Figure 10.1 shows the dramatic cluster of AIDS cases in the most densely populated sectors of the Commonwealth including: Boston, Brockton, Cambridge, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Mid-Cape (Barnstable, Dennis, Harwich, Yarmouth), New Bedford, Springfield, and Worcester. Sixty-four percent of the state's alive AIDS cases occur in these communities which combined represent just 28% of the state's populous.

Figure 10.1 Localities Compared to the Rest of the State						
	All 12 Localities Combined	Rest of Massachusetts				
	Alive AIDS Cases = $3064$	Alive AIDS Cases = 1546				
	(Alive as of 7/1/98)	(Alive as of 7/1/98)				
Population	1,667,106	4,349,319				
% of Population	28%	72%				
% of Total Alive Cases in	64%	36%				
the State						
% Female Alive Cases	70%	30%				
% MSM Alive Cases	59%	41%				
% IDU Alive Cases	73%	27%				
% HTSX Alive Cases	72%	28%				
% Pres. HTSX	70%	30%				

Figure 10.2 compares these twelve localities by AIDS cases and select socio-economic variables. These variables provide a relative profile of community risk.

Figure 10.2 AIDS Cases and Demographic Information for Selected Localities						
	Number of	Alive AIDS	High School	% of Births	Persons for whom	
	Alive	Case Rates	Drop Out	to Mothers	Status	
	Cases	Per 100,000	Rate	<20 Years	Determined	
			(1993/94)	Old	Below Poverty	
				(1996)	Level (1990)	
Boston	1600	279	7.5%	10.9%	18.7%	
Brockton	99	107	8.3%	15.2%	13.6%	
Cambridge	137	143	3.3%	4.8%	10.7%	
Holyoke	97	222	9.5%	26.7%	25.7%	
Fall River	70	76	6.7%	13.9%	14.3%	
Lawrence	101	144	13.8%	22.7%	27.5%	
Lowell	103	100	3.3%	14.5%	18.0%	

Figure 10.2 AIDS Cases and Demographic Information for Selected Localities (cont.)						
	Number of	Alive AIDS	High School	% of Births	Persons for	
	Alive	Case Rates	Drop Out	to Mothers	whom Status	
	Cases	Per 100,000	Rate	<20 Years	Determined	
			(1993/94)	Old	Below Poverty	
				(1996)	Level (1990)	
Lynn	100	123	9.3%	12.3%	15.9%	
Mid-Cape*	38	44	4.7%	5.8%	7.9%	
New Bedford	173	173	9.0%	17.5%	16.8%	
Springfield	308	196	7.1%	21.2%	20.1%	
Worcester	238	167	8.5%	13.8%	15.3%	
Massachusetts	4893	81	3.7%	7.3%	8.9%	

<sup>\*</sup>includes Barnstable/Hyannis, Dennis, Harwich, and Yarmouth

Figures 10.3 through 10.14 show for each community, a breakdown of alive AIDS by sex, race, and mode of transmission.























